

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

RESOURCE SCHEDULING

~~A method of administering resource utilisation~~Resource utilization in a computer ~~comprises~~is achieved by running a first process (~~13, 14, 15~~)to make a reservation for access to a resource in dependence on a resource requirement communication from an application (~~24~~)and running a second process (~~16, 17, 19~~)to grant requests for access to ~~said~~ that resource from ~~said~~ that application in dependence on ~~said~~the reservation. A further process (~~12~~)provides a common interface between the first process (~~13, 14, 15~~)for each resource and the application(~~24~~). The further process (~~12~~)converts high-level abstract resource requirement definitions into formats applicable to the first process (~~13, 14, 15~~)for the resource in question. The processes are preferably implemented ~~at~~as methods of software objects.